

The steadily growing bipartisan consensus behind this legislation has made it more important and more effective.

Senator LEAHY's bill, S. 1925, undermines the consensus that has been growing for two decades by introducing controversial and divisive proposals that fundamentally change the focus and scope of this legislation. If those proposals have merit, they should receive their own separate consideration with appropriate legislation introduced and hearings held. But it is inappropriate to use the Violence Against Women Act and the good will that it has attracted as cover for those new and divisive projects.

I support Senator HUTCHISON's bill both for what it contains and what it does not contain. First, it provides stronger penalties for crimes such as forcible rape, aggravated sexual assault, child pornography, and interstate domestic violence resulting in death. The Leahy bill is weaker than Senator HUTCHISON's when it comes to addressing these crimes, and in some instances it does not address them at all. Second, it targets more grant funding to address sexual assault and requires far more funding be used to reduce the backlog in testing rape kits. Third, it requires an audit of the Office for Victims of Crime to ensure that funds from the Crime Victims Fund are reaching those it exists to help. Fourth, it addresses problems with inadequate oversight and administration by requiring that 10 percent of grantees be audited each year and by capping the percentage of appropriated funds that may be used for administrative costs.

Senator HUTCHISON's bill does not contain the controversial and divisive provisions that the majority insisted on including. It does not, for example, authorize unused U visas from previous years to be used in the future. This provision in the majority's bill led the Congressional Budget Office to conclude that it will add more than \$100 million to the deficit. The Hutchison bill does not extend Indian tribal court criminal jurisdiction to non-Indians. A Congressional Research Service memo outlines a number of constitutional concerns regarding this provision in the majority bill.

Let me conclude by expressing both my disappointment and my thanks. I am truly disappointed that the majority has deliberately politicized the reauthorization of VAWA in a way that they knew would render impossible the kind of bipartisan consensus this legislation has had in the past. It seems that the majority was more interested in having a campaign issue for President Obama than in actually doing the hard work of creating a consensus bill that would protect women from violent crime.

However, I want to thank my colleagues, Senator HUTCHISON and the ranking member of the Judiciary Committee, Senator GRASSLEY, for stepping up and offering this legislation to reauthorize the Violence Against Women

Act in a way that can attract that consensus and continue the effort to end violence against women.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I yield the floor, and I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

LANCE CORPORAL ABRAHAM TARWOE

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise today, along with my colleague, the Presiding Officer, to pay tribute to Lance Corporal Abraham Tarwoe, a Rhode Islander who served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

On April 12, Lance Corporal Tarwoe was killed while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. A memorial service will be held on Saturday in Rhode Island to honor his selfless sacrifice, and he will then be laid to rest in his native home of Liberia.

When he was about 7 years old, Lance Corporal Tarwoe left Liberia and started a new life in the United States. He was one among thousands of Liberians who came to the United States seeking safety from a civil war. We are proud that so many of these brave individuals and their families now call Rhode Island their home, and our State continues to be enriched by this strong community.

Lance Corporal Tarwoe enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in June 2009. He was on his second deployment to Afghanistan, assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, where he was serving as a mortarman and had additional duties as a military dog handler.

Each generation of Americans is called upon to protect and sustain our democracy, and among our greatest heroes are the men and women who have worn the uniform of our Nation and have sacrificed for our country to keep it safe and to keep it free.

It is our duty to protect the freedom they sacrificed their lives for through our service, our citizenship. We must continue to keep their memories alive and honor their heroism, not simply by our words but by our deeds as citizens of this great country.

Today, our thoughts are with Lance Corporal Tarwoe's loving family in Liberia, Famatta and Abraham Kar, his brother Randall, his wife Juah, and his son Avant, and all his family, friends, and his comrades-in-arms. We join them in commemorating his sacrifice and honoring his example of selfless service, love, courage, and devotion to the Marines with whom he served and the people of Afghanistan he was trying to help.

Lance Corporal Tarwoe is one among many Rhode Islanders who have proven their loyalty, their integrity, and their personal courage by giving the last full measure of their lives in service to our country in Afghanistan, in Iraq, and elsewhere around the globe.

Today, we honor his memory and the memory of all those who have served and sacrificed as he did. He has joined a distinguished roll of honor, including many Rhode Islanders who have served and sacrificed since September 11, 2001.

All of these men and women who have given their lives in the last decade in Afghanistan and Iraq have done a great service to the Nation. It is a roll of honor. It is a roll that Lance Corporal Tarwoe joins, and it should be for us a roll not just to recognize and remember but to recommit, to try in some small way to match their great sacrifice for this great Nation.

In Lance Corporal Tarwoe's situation, it also should remind us that this young man, born in Liberia, who came as a child and to Rhode Island, demonstrates to us all that being an American is about what is in your heart, not necessarily where you were born or what language you may have spoken as a child. It is about believing in America—believing so much that you would give your life to defend the values that we so much cherish.

#### TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT MAXWELL R. DORLEY

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise today, along with the Presiding Officer, my colleague, Senator WHITEHOUSE, to pay my respect and honor the life of Sergeant Maxwell R. Dorley, a distinguished and beloved member of the Providence Police Department, who passed away tragically in the line of duty.

Sergeant Dorley's personal story, which began in Liberia is another example of the extraordinary contribution of the Liberian community to the State of Rhode Island, along with recently deceased Lance Corporal Tarwoe of the U.S. Marines. Sergeant Dorley's story is also another example of inspiration and hope for all of us.

At the young age of 7, Sergeant Dorley followed his aunt, Hawa Vincent, to Providence, beginning his own chapter of the American dream, and he wrote a remarkable chapter in that great story of America. Sergeant Dorley attended Mount Pleasant High School, and not only graduated at the top of his class earning admission to Brown University, but he also befriended Kou, who would become his wife and partner for 27 years. His love and devotion to his family was so deep and genuine that when their first child, Amanda, was on her way, Sergeant Dorley declined admission to Brown University and began working four jobs so he could support his new family.

At this early stage in his life, Sergeant Dorley chose to prioritize his new family over himself. And as he did